



March 26, 2009

Tom Quinn, Forest Supervisor
Tahoe National Forest
631 Coyote Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Supervisor Quinn:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of **support** for your 2008/09 Ground Operations Grants.

The Tahoe National Forest's facilities, route networks, and areas - including the Foresthill OHV Area - are an important part of the state-wide destination OHV area matrix. BRC has reviewed the proposals and believes the size and scope of the grant package reflects the holistic nature of the agency's commitment to managed OHV/OSV recreation.

BRC believes funding the ground operations grants are important considering the Tahoe NF is one of the largest recreation Forests in Region 5 and given the complex nature of managing OHV recreation in an urban/rural Forest. The Forest also offers a vast array of OHV opportunities from extreme 4x4 rock crawling and double black diamond single track motorcycle trails to more family oriented OHV touring.

BRC commends the Forest for its outstanding formal and informal trail volunteer program(s) and outreach to various stakeholders and off-road clubs. Since permitted OHV events are an important element of your recreation program, BRC urges the agency to continue meeting with off-road clubs where topics related to permitted events are discussed, issues resolved, and solutions found.

Because destination wheeled OHV recreation is at a premium and to reduce user impacts in more isolated areas, BRC urges the Forest to use rainfall-based closures vs. time-based seasonal closures at lower elevations and where ingress and egress is easily regulated.

BRC also urges the agency to continually review new scientific information, regulations, rulings, and directives that could allow for spring permitted OHV events to take place when soil conditions (i.e. moisture and less dust) are optimum.

BRC appreciates your commitment to managed OHV recreation and we thank your office for allowing us to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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